

LABOR TO FIGHT RAIL WAGE CUT

Unions Will Argue That
More Capital Should be
Put Into Roads

SAYS ROADS "MILKED"

Labor People Will Go On Stand With-
in Next Week or Ten Days—Want
Laws Erased

Washington, May 31.—Spokesmen for organized labor let it be known yesterday that they plan to go before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, which is investigating the railroads with arguments against wage reductions, and in favor of having the owners put additional capital into the systems. The arguments will be similar to those advanced in Chicago against wage reductions.

The labor representatives will not contend that the men who actually have operated the railroads have not done a good job. On the contrary, they will admit that the railroad managers did excellently well considering their "handicaps," before and after Government operation. But they will contend that the owners of the roads, by which they mean great banking houses such as J. P. Morgan & Co., "milked" the railroad system for years, deprived them of improvements and should now be called upon to put in capital that would make the roads fully efficient, and thus able to operate successfully without reduction of wages.

The alleged "milkling" process, according to labor spokesmen, took so much money from the roads that ought to have been used for betterments and improvements that the systems under private management failed to function up to needs in 1917, when war struck the country. The big banking interests, the labor leaders will tell the committee, should have put additional capital into the system when they were turned back, to have enabled the managers of the roads to start putting in adequate equipment, and recover the ground lost during the period when the owners are charged with having improperly diverted funds from betterments.

Having failed to put the new capital needed into the system when they were turned back, they should be called upon to do so now, the labor representatives say. Certain roads could save enough in the operation of modern locomotives, it is claimed, to pay for them in two years. That is given as an example. By following this policy, the labor people argue, it would not be necessary to reduce the wages of railroad labor, which is called efficient and entitled to ample compensation.

The labor representatives take little stock in the theory that the owners of the roads could not produce the additional capital needed if they wanted to do so. Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, while saying that many of the improvements suggested at Chicago were distinctly worth while, held that equipment of all the roads with modern locomotives would cost \$4,000,000,000 alone, and asked where the money could be got.

It is expected the labor people will not go on the stand for a week or 10 days. Edward Chambers, vice-president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, will resume his testimony when the committee meets this morning. Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania, and other systems, will follow, and several days will be occupied by their testimony. It is thought that it will be mainly in the nature of reaffirmation of the testimony previously given for the railroads.

The testimony given by the railroad officials since the investigation got under way shows plainly that what they are hoping and working for is to be let alone as to laws and rates while the Railroad Labor Board is working out and putting into effect the wage cuts which it has said would come. In a word, the position of the roads is that they are entitled, because of their financial plight and in simple justice, to a continuation of

COLORED CITIZENS CELEBRATE

Decoration Day was celebrated yesterday afternoon by the colored citizens of Alexandria and vicinity at Roberts Chapel M. E. Church. The principal address was made by Rev. A. W. Adkins, B. D., pastor of the Alfred Street First Baptist Church. He paid a glowing tribute to the heroes of the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and the late world war. This was followed by the singing of America and other popular sacred hymns. Many older colored citizens were present.

MRS. T. A. MOORE BURIED

The funeral of Mrs. T. Alton Moore, who died Sunday, took place this morning from St. Mary's Church Services were conducted by Rev. I. F. Kelly, assistant pastor, and burial was in St. Mary's cemetery. Pallbearers were William Desmond, Robert Aitchison, T. McGowan, T. C. Hey M. Downey and William Chauncey.

FUNERAL OF SISTER BERTHA TOMORROW AT 10 A. M.

Sister M. Bertha, funeral 10 o'clock tomorrow A. M., St. Mary's Church, Solemn high mass. Father Louis Smet celebrant. Father Delaney C. S. C. deacon. Father R. A. McGowan, sub-deacon; Rev. Lawrence Kelley and Rev. Joseph Kelley and Father Malloy will be present in the sanctuary. The academy children will meet at the academy at 9.30 a. m. and go in line to the church. Boys who attend the Xaverian school will meet at their school at 9.30 a. m. and go in line to the church and occupy the St. Joseph's side aisle. Children from St. Mary's Parochial will be at their school at 9.30 a. m. and march to the church and occupy the Blessed Virgin side aisle. The young ladies of the commercial class will form a special guard of honor near Sister Bertha's remains.

Changes Library Hours

Beginning Wednesday, June 1 the Alexandria Library will be open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 instead of the afternoon. On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday the opening will be a half an hour later in the evening from 7:30 to 9:30.

Community Sing

Affair Will be Given Thursday Night
In Y. P. B.

A community sing and concert will be given at 8 o'clock Thursday night in the Young Peoples Building by the Sunday School of the M. E. Church South. This is the first community sing to be held here this season in connection with the general observance of music week which is expected to spread throughout the country.

The Washington Community Center has promised to send a leader and Miss Jennie Richards will be the accompanist. Everybody who likes to sing is invited to participate in the song fest.

Noted Speaker Coming

Mrs. Winfred Sackville-Stoner to Address Public Tomorrow Night
Under Auspices of D. A. R.

Mrs. Winfred Sackville-Stoner, a speaker of international repute, will deliver an address at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to the mothers of small children and also to a group of children from Ivakota farm at the rooms of the chamber of commerce. She will talk on natural education and at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at the rooms of the chamber of commerce will speak under the auspices of the D. A. R. to which the public is invited.

Mrs. Sackville-Stoner is a noted speaker and regarded as one of the most able in the country and it is expected that there will be a large gathering to greet her. The speaker will be introduced by Dr. Kate Waller Barrett through whose efforts she consented to come to Alexandria and deliver an address.

TRIPLE A'S NOTICE

There will be a special meeting at the club hall Wednesday night at 8 p. m. Every member is earnestly requested to be on hand, as very important business will be acted on. Come up.

FOREIGNERS ARE FLEEDED BY "AGENT"

Decamps With \$112 From
Fourteen Men Whom
He Employed

MEN GAVE \$8 EACH

Slick "Agent" Said Money Was For
Board—Leaves Men Stranded at
Hotel.

Fourteen foreigners are today minus a total of \$112 and a reputed labor agent is the gainer thereby and the foreigners yesterday moved back to Washington after being quartered at the Monticello Hotel for twenty-four hours. Incidentally it might be well to add that the hotel is also out about \$76 as a result of the transaction.

The foreigners, it was learned, were told by the man that they were wanted for three months' work digging holes for telephone poles and were brought with their effects by the man to this city. They were carried to the hotel Saturday night and the bunch numbered exactly seventeen, including Greeks, Syrians, Italians and other nationalities together with one Turk. The agent after arranging for board and lodging for the men collected \$8 each from fourteen of the seventeen men and then according to reports made to the police then left the place. Sunday morning he had vanished. The police took charge of the men the question was thrashed out in the police court yesterday and the men were held till late in the afternoon and released. They left for Washington sadder but wiser men. Many of the men stated that it would not be well for the agent should they meet him face to face.

Memorial Exercises

Representative Andrews of Nebraska
Speaker Here

An able address was delivered by Representative W. E. Andrews at the annual memorial exercises held yesterday afternoon at the National Cemetery this city under the auspices of Cushing Camp No. 30, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and George Francis Williams, commander of the camp, of Washington, presided.

Invocation was given by Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist Church and benediction by Rev. O. P. Lloyd, pastor of the Second Baptist Church. W. P. Graves read Lincoln's Gettysburg address and the "American Creed" was read by Commander Williams. A selection was given by E. A. Lang and music was furnished by the choir of the Second Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. James A. Hulfish. The exercises were concluded with the firing of a salute by the Alexandria Light Infantry.

Graves of the soldiers buried in the cemetery were strewn with flowers and a small American flag was placed over each grave. The exercises were attended by a large gathering.

Trestle on A. B. and A.

Partly Burns in Georgia
Atlanta, Ga., May 31.—Traffic on the Atlantic, Birmingham and Atlantic Railway between Fitzgerald and Andersonville, Ga., was delayed for about three hours yesterday by the partial burning of a small trestle, which B. J. Bugg, receiver for the road, stated tonight "apparently was on incendiary origin."

The fire was discovered and extinguished before any serious damage was done, the statement said but executionists from Fitzgerald to the Decoration Day exercises at the Federal cemetery at Andersonville, were delayed in arriving until about noon Colonel Bragg said a thorough investigation had been ordered.

MEMBERS

Virginia Lodge No. 1076
Loyal Order of Moose
Reception to the Ladies of Moose
Hotel Rammer
Tuesday, May 31st, 8.30 p. m.
Bring Your Ladies
Regular meeting Tuesday, May 31st,
7.30 p. m. due to holiday Monday.

Mishaps Prevent Game

Ball Fans Are Disappointed Over
Failure of Visiting Team to
Arrive on Time

The big holiday game scheduled for yesterday between the Dreadnaughts and the Newton Woodward A. C. of Richmond was not played owing to visiting team making trip in machines and encountering a number of accidents enroute. They left Richmond 8.30 a. m., however, and the following to a local reporter was made by manager of team:

"It is regretted we were unable to arrive in time to play the Dreadnaughts game we had booked today, but unavoidable accidents was the cause and we did not arrive here until 5.30 P. M. It is hoped another game can be arranged between the two clubs at some early date. My club assumes sole responsibility for disappointing Alexandria baseball fans and assures them the courtesies extended us in our tardy visit, by the Dreadnaughts, are satisfactory in every particular."

LAWN PARTY

The young ladies of the Auxiliary to the Alexandria Hospital, will give a lawn party at the residence of Mrs. William Moneure, King street road, next Saturday afternoon June 4th, from 4 to 7. A good time is promised to all. No admission is charged, but there will be a sale of ice cream cake and candies.

Several novel features are promised for the entertainment of the visitors. Automobiles will leave corner King and Washington streets and the fare for adults will be 25 cents round trip, children 10 cents.

Make Pilgrimage

Baltimore Masons After Visit to Mt.
Vernon, Have Supper Here

About 125 members of Mount Vernon Lodge of Masons, of Baltimore, yesterday afternoon made a pilgrimage to Mount Vernon and placed a wreath on Washington's tomb. Afterward the Baltimoreans visited this city and had supper at the Young People's Building, which was served by the women of Martha Washington Chapter, No. 42, Order of Eastern Star.

SOFT LIGHTS IN THE HOME URGED AS MEANS OF REDUCING DIVORCES

Chicago, May 31.—The day of the old maid has ended. Leap year is going to be an every day night event after this. Cobwebs over the doors of the divorce courts. All husbands in love with their wives.

This was the romantic rainbow promised yesterday by Dr. M. Luckie, noted authority on scientific lighting and coloring, director of applied science at the Nela Research Laboratory in Cleveland, who is in Chicago to attend the forty-fourth convention of the National Electric Light Association, which meets tomorrow.

"The lights and colors used in the ordinary American home are criminal. No wonder there are so many nagging wives, whimpering children and callous husbands. I venture to predict that when housewives have their homes illuminated with satisfying light, instead of the usual irritating glare, that divorces will be reduced materially."

20,000 N. AND W. EMPLOYEES PREPARE TO STRIKE IF WAGES ARE CUT

Roanoke, Va., May 31.—Approximately 20,000 Norfolk and Western employees will strike in case the road attempts to reduce wages or abrogate agreements with the men, it was learned here today, after unfruitful conferences between representatives of the federated shop crafts and railroad officials relative to the framing of a new agreement.

It was said that 8,000 employees in the motive power department of the road voted to refuse any wage reduction at this time and to lay down their tools, rather than take a wage cut or suffer the abrogation of agreements between employees and the road. Mass meetings are being held at all points on the road and the membership of the 16 organizations are preparing to act with the shopmen.

THE BLUE RIBBON SHOE CO.

Is Still Running Cut Prices
We Use The Best Materials
407 King Street
110-264.

TARGET PRACTICE MEDAL IS AWARDED

Sergt. T. Worthington Successful Contestant at
Eosalls

CAMP TRIP PLANNED

Members of A. L. I. Will go to
Camp Meade, Md., For Two Weeks
Beginning July 10.

The silver company medal for making the highest mark at target practice went to Sergt. John T. Worthington, of the Alexandria Light Infantry at the contest held yesterday among the members of that command at target practice held at Edsalls Station, Fairfax county. Sergt. Worthington scored 110 points. The next highest man on the list was Private Charles W. Houston, who only enlisted a few days ago in the company, and who made 77 points out of a possible 150. The members of the company, commanded by Lieut. C. M. Shepperson, returned home yesterday.

The entire company, numbering about 70 men, will go into camp for two weeks at Camp Meade, Md., beginning July 10.

Commissioned officers of this company have just received instructions from the adjutant general of the Virginia militia to report at Camp Meade Sunday, June 5, for a course of intensive instructions. They will return the following Sunday.

New Factory

Operations Began Today—To Make
Men's Clothing

Another manufacturing concern today began operations here. The new concern is engaged in the manufacture of men's clothing and is located on the second floor of the building, 1006 King street, over the Old Dutch Market. It is known as the N and W Company. Running at full capacity, this concern will give employment to a maximum of 150 girls, it is stated. This concern recently was located through the efforts of the chamber of commerce.

WAR IS RENEWED WITH VIGOR IN UPPER SILESIA

Polish Insurgent Headquarters, Upper Silesia, May 31.—Less than five hours after the inter-Allied plebiscite commissioners "at Oppeln" had arranged a truce between the Polish insurgents and the Germans, war began anew today, bringing the Upper Silesian crisis to its most acute phase since Dictator Albert Korfanty proclaimed his armed crusade to wrest the country from Germany.

ENGLAND SELLS 111 WARSHIPS

London, May 31.—According to the Pall Mall Gazette and Globe yesterday, the admiralty has sold to T. W. Ward and Co., of Sheffield, 111 obsolete warships for about 750,000 lbs. This deal, which is a record one, comprises five battleships, six cruisers, six light cruisers, three flotilla leader 70 destroyers, 13 torpedo boats and eight monitors. The five battle ships are the Mars, Hindustan, Dominion, Dreadnaught and Magnificent. The price fixed is a flat rate of 50 shillings a ton displacement.

CHILD OF 11 FACES TRIAL FOR MURDER

Knox, Ind., May 31.—Cecil Burkett, aged 11, will be put on trial for his life before Judge Pentacost, of the Starke Circuit Court, tomorrow for the murder of Benny Slavins, 7 years old.

The Burketts and Slavins are near neighbors in Ora, 12 miles southeast of Knox. Slavins is a merchant and Burkett a laborer. A number of children were playing in Slavins' yard, the Burkett boy having a .22-calibre rifle. In some manner the gun was discharged and Benny fell dead.

The killing passed as an accident for several weeks, but the January grand jury took the case up and returned an indictment against Cecil Burkett, charging murder in the first degree. Cecil is out under \$10,000 bonds furnished by Ora citizens and is attending school.

Dynamite Cap Explodes

Dacus Neville, Loses Thumb and
Has Two Fingers Mangled

Dacus Neville, twelve years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Neville, of 226 North Royal street yesterday morning found a dynamite cap at the corner of E and Royal streets, and the lad went home and endeavored to explore its contents with a safety pin. An explosion followed resulting in the child losing the thumb of the left hand and having two other fingers of that hand badly mangled. His wounds were treated by Drs. Warfield and Young.

Portrait Unveiled

In Memory of George Johnston of
Fairfax

In the presence of a large throng, which filled the courthouse at Fairfax yesterday afternoon, a handsome life sized portrait of George Johnston of Fairfax county, who served in the Virginia House of Burgesses, 1758-1765, was unveiled and formally presented to that county. The unveiling was done by little Miss Dorothy Clarkson of Haymarket, Va., twelve years of age, seventh in descent and Francis E. Johnston, of Washington, sixth in descent, a great great grand son, made an able speech of presentation and it formally was accepted on behalf of Fairfax county by Representative R. Walton Moore who paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Johnston's record in the House of Burgesses.

The portrait was the gift of the descendant of the Johnston family. Attorney Thomas R. Keith presided over the exercises.

Obsolete British Ships Sold to U. S. Concern

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3 Busts of Washington, Gift of U. S. to England

Washington, May 31.—Installation in the "British shrines of our common patriotism" of the three busts of George Washington, presented to the British government by the American people, attests the common devotion of both nations to the "ideals of liberty, humanity and enlightenment." President Harding declared in a message to be read yesterday at the simultaneous unveiling of the busts in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, the Town Hall at Liverpool, and at Sulgrave Manor, the Washington ancestral home.

The message expressed hope, that the gift of the busts may "inspire a continued reciprocation of the established friendship of the American people for the British nation."

JACK DEMPSEY WORKS PRIOR TO LONG REST

Atlantic City, N. J., May 31.—With a four days' rest awaiting him, Jack Dempsey took his last workout today until Saturday, sleeping six furious rounds with a trio of sparring partners.

The workout was witnessed by the largest crowd that has jammed the champion's open air arena since he started training two weeks ago. There were several hundred women spectators and they gave Dempsey a round of applause after he finished.

Larry Williams, the 180 pounder, who was all but knocked out yesterday, received another battering yesterday afternoon. Dempsey punished him unmercifully around the body with wicked left hooks, occasionally straightening him up with solid smashes to the head. Williams is proving the best sparring partner for the champion.

NOTICE

Will man who stopped to assist General Baking Company driver on Johnson's Hill May 20, about 1.30 p. m., communicate at once with Robert Bender, 513 Oronoco street. 129-2p

HARDING SAYS U. S. TO CAUSE FREEDOM

Declares Country Will Meet
Every Demand of Civiliza-
tion

SPEAKS AT ARLINGTON

Ambassador Geddes Presents Wreath
In Behalf of British Empire—Gen.
Miles Leads Parade.

Washington, May 31.—The national capital's memorial ceremonies for American war dead were colored by a new touch of international significance yesterday at services held in Arlington Cemetery under the lead of President Harding.

Speaking in the Arlington amphitheatre to veterans of three wars and to a distinguished company of officials and diplomats, the President rededicated the nation to the cause of freedom and civilization, and promised that it never would fail to measure up to every demand presented to it in behalf of civilization. By striking across the sea in the World War, he declared, America had sanctified again her faith in free institutions for peoples everywhere.

"Wherever men are free," said the President, "they are wont to give thought to our country's services in freedom's cause. Today the sons and daughters of others lands are placing with loving hands their laurels on American graves. Our Memorial Day is become an international occasion."

To do our full part in helping stabilize the world, to restrain ambition for empires still rife and to prevent the disaster to civilization that would flow from a denial of the equality of sovereign states or persons—to aid in accomplishing these purposes, the President said, is a heritage of responsibility from the sacrifices of those who gave their lives for the nation that we cannot evade, if we would.

"The world is looking to us for leadership and it will not look in vain, for mankind is fallen on times when there is no hope for it if some communities seek isolation while others indulge unrestrained ambition for empires," Mr. Harding said.

While rejecting the doctrine of isolation of the extreme "irreconcilables," the President would shun the other extreme which would have landed the United States in the League of Nations.

"I am not counseling surrendered independence," he said. "Our maintained freedom is the source of our might. Only the American conscience may command this republic."

The President made it clear that he would have the United States participate in the peace undertaking of world stabilization as it participated in the undertaking of war—without any hard and fast alliance, but in untrammelled association with the other great powers.

To accomplish this mission effectively we must attend to the needs of America first and make ourselves strong, firm, secure.

"I counsel no selfishness, no little Americanism, no mere parochialism," said the President, "when I urge that our first duty is to our own, and that in the measure of its performance we will find the true gauge of our capacity to be helpful to others."

At the conclusion of the address Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador, seconded the sentiment by placing on the American flag beside the President a wreath of roses presented by the people of the United Kingdom and his dominions "in undimmed memory of the sacrifices that America has made for individual liberty."

In special references to the World War, President Harding declared America had opened the door to free institutions even in the countries against which she fought, and had given opportunity "of planting democracies where absolutism had held sway, for making the people supreme."

He added that the troubled state of conditions abroad still made it doubtful whether the vanquished people